

24. Are there any additional comments you would like to provide?

NS is overwhelmed with contests. It feels nonstop and is more of a burden than the economic benefit it brings. I would propose each promotion seeking a permit only be allowed a permit every other year. That way we could cut down the volume in half without denying anyone. This would also alleviate scheduling conflicts and give residents a chance to enjoy the ocean when it's at its best instead of always being reserved. The ocean being reserved for elite surfers is not pono, and is not inline with the ideology that everyone should have access to the ocean.

"Less" competition day is grammatically incorrect. Less is for nebulous things like water and time. Fewer is for specific things like days and waves. Ioha!

#22 is unclear. Does north shore water calendar include days for swim contexts and regattas? If so, it should be jaa as n - dec. this question doesn't explain the impact of changing the date range.

Add permit conditions to prevent events from exacerbating erosion - do not touch, trample, cut, or place any object on dune vegetation. Cordon off dune vegetation to prevent spectators from doing these things and do your own security payrolls to keep people away from vegetation. My whole attitude about these surf contests (and surf schools) would be completely different if they didn't trash the dune vegetation. I also think the surf contests treat local surfers poorly - just hard to support them when you see how entitled they act.

Applications should be treated equally regardless of race, gender, religion, etc. and the best way to address that is to make it a lottery process.

The 2021 2022 dates were awarded to WSL to run the triple crown events. This didn't happen. They ran other contests instead and they shouldn't have been able to do so because they didn't run what they proposed to run. Contest organizers asked and the rules were changed now a triennial calendar so that each organizer had time to secure sponsors for their contests. The organizers got what they asked for so they should be awarded dates for the contest they applied for. If they can't secure financial backing for their event, then it is on them and not the department and thus, the park days should be given back to the public.

WSL has now circumvented the rules. Instead of running a physical triple crown contest, they now have a virtual contest. Virtual or not, it's a contest that runs the same time as another contest is being held. Another question: are all these photographers applying for and received commercial filming permits?

All beach parks need to have a cooling down period regardless of the type of shore water activity takes place. The rules for the NS specifies cooling period for surf contests ONLY! This should apply to ALL shore water activities. Prior to COVID, the parks, specifically Waimea, had a swim or paddle event EVERY weekend from the month of May until Labor Day. Not shore water related but I feel that ball parks fields, etc. should also have a cooling down period.

#22: Why is this question posed? Prior staff opposed changing it to a yearly calendar in the first place and it was changed regardless of what the staff recommended.

What shouldn't be allowed at shore water events:

1. Fundraising and commercial activities. Over the years this has become out of control  
I personally am against the sales at shore water events but if it is something that can't be totally eliminated, then the sales should BE LIMITED TO ONE TENT that sells only the official event merchandise. Prior to COVID, there were more sales tents of items that is not related to the event. One only needs to watch the surf channel or go on social media to see how many sales are being done at the event. There were food trucks that took up precious parking spaces in the park. If sales are being allowed (with one tent only) then the sales should be only done on the days of competition and not every day throughout the waiting period.
2. Exhibition, safety lectures, etc. on non-competition days. Non-competition days are for the public to enjoy the surf and beach. The shore water permit is granting the use of the park to conduct a surf contest and not safety lectures, exhibitions, etc.
3. Large structures erected in the park! The monstrous structures placed in our parks are ridiculous. The equipment that is brought in are large and takes up parking and green grass space. The size of the structures should require building permits regardless that its temporary. The current rules do address the building permit but the organizers know their limitations, so their proposal comes with layout dimensions just under the required number. I'm not a building inspector but the structures seem larger than what they proposed. Limit to a sizeable judges stand and official area.

Lastly, ALL events should be monitored! There is no sense in having rules in place only for the organizers to break them and not face any consequences because no one monitors them. Don't rely on park staff...they have duties to their parks and programs. Monitoring is almost a whole day event especially when one needs to drive down the coast towards Sunset Beach.

Some of my comments does not address rule changes but addresses the "terms and conditions" of the permit that is drafted by recreation staff. It should be part of the rules and not a "term and condition" bullet point. There are too many "terms and conditions" written up for an event that needs to be treated as rules.

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As previously mentioned, this year was the worse ever for crowds and it is really sad to see our community deteriorate due to the influx of outsiders who flood these contests and disrupt our lives. More locals are leaving our community every year. I hope we can tighten up the restrictions on some of these contests. I am a former pro surfer who benefited from these contests so I am not anti contest but I don't like the way they take advantage of the local people here and treat us disrespectfully. It just makes our lives miserable, can't find a place to surf, and its hard to make plans or even get to work on time because we are all at the mercy of when these contest decide to run which is not clearly laid out and not posted anywhere, then they change the times suddenly and it just goes on and on so again I think establishing clear times that they can run, restricting half days and having a place the community can consult where directors must report daily a general idea of when they think they will run and update that immediately so we know when they are running. They should not be able to hold off the contest until 9:30am or start at 8am and only run for one hour and a half and take the beach from us all day. It seems that they are holding the beach for their own surfers and preventing locals from being able to get to the beach so their surfers can have more time in the water, photoshoots, etc. It is unfair to hard working people who just want a little time to go surf or go to the beach and may miss work due to suddenly there's an unexpected contest and they did not plan 2 hour drive from Sunset to Pipeline. Mahalo.

beaches are overcrowded by contests watchers consuming food and drinks in result trash cans are overflowing and rubbish flying to the beach and ocean. We need a much better and more often clean up (contests days we need clean trashes 2 or 3 times a day).

Before increasing or decreasing event schedules consider the substantial impacts of Traffic, Parking, Climate Change effecting increased wave hts. and beach erosion. Already not enough parking. Inadequate roads to handle traffic. Event sponsors should provide shuttle service to North Shore for events.

Coming out of the pandemic, the City and County DPR needs to gauge how surfing competitions at the highest professional levels help stimulate the NS economy and adds to the vibrancy of the region. The city should however urge the state to finally move Kamehameha Highway mauka so that autos can park on the beach side. This will have a very positive impact on NS traffic.

Comment 1: In recent years the Triple Crown has gone virtual. The 1-month long virtual event encompasses 3 surfing spots that have surfing competitions within this time frame. This essentially means that there are more multiple surf competitions occurring at the same time along the North Shore, which is in violation of the DPR rules. With 125 competitors, the virtual event severely crowds the line ups and results in far more professional surfers 'residing' on the North Shore over the winter. And with the new WSL schedule, it results in more surfers staying on the north shore over the holidays. Specifically from the onset of the Haleiwa contest in mid-November all the way through the end of the Sunset contest in late February. In prior years, most professional surfers left upon the completion of the Pipe Masters in late December.

Comment 2: Regarding the 'cool down period'. As a north shore resident, I would much prefer that there were 0 days between competitions (assuming that no single venue had back-to-back competitions). Compressing the competition schedule would drive a more rapid exodus of visiting professional surfers and associated entourage of filmers, family, friends, etc. It would, in effect, limit the total time that all of these people are in our community. Limiting the total time frame that the WSL (and other permit holders) can hold competitions should be a consideration in the permitting process, which I believe is what Question 22 is getting at by focusing on 'surf season' as opposed to calendar year. Note this is very different than limiting the total number of contests, contest days, etc.

Compete results of all competitors final placing should be provided to City after event and posted on City website for public to see.

Contest sponsors should have to give back to the Hawaiian culture and people and keiki Programs! Historical, and ask the people where donations from sponsers should go... Aloha, D T

Contests bring a significant and positive economic impact to the North Shore. The amount of road stress, parking and other issues are not so great as to demand any discouragement of future events. Hawaii over regulates everything. The best thing that the State and County can do is to make sure the contest areas are cleaned up after they are completed, make sure NO PARKING areas are enforced. Otherwise, the State and County have no business getting into the details of the contests. Contrary to popular belief, government does not makes things better...it generally makes simple matters more complicated, more costly and less efficient. Stay in your lane.
Definitely talk to an elder (kupuna) from the area first for an ok (ex. Uncle buff keaulana, uncle Mel Pu'u, Uncle Brian Keaulana) also take the time to let the community know of events not only online but put up flyers in the area the event will be taking place about 2 weeks minimum. Also clean up beach of any rubbish & also check on restrooms of cleanliness & trash as well as soon as event is done. Please leave the beach as if there wasnt any event at all. Mahalo for this survey & Alooooha!.
Diversity of types of contests should be considered by the board. ( ie bodyboarding and bodysurfing should be given more days equitably)
Do not disturb the Buffalo Big Board Event on the West Side. It's set for holiday weekends for the Ohana to come out and have fun.
Does the Native Hawaiian community have representation at this table discussion? What about event priority for the indigenous people of Hawai'i?
Don't forget, our beaches belong to us!
DPR should be trying to promote more local, small scale surf competitions around the whole island (but especially on the NS) rather than big WSL surf competitions that are disruptive to communities and cause gentrification.
Encourage people to watch the events at home on cable, reducing traffic on North shore.
Every thing seem to be running pretty smooth as it is & we don't need to many restrictions & just let the organizations run their event as planned but one thing that bothered me was the way the WSL took over Volcoms time slot from late January early Febuary for the pipeline masters because that's when the surf is best is but the problem with that was a high paying local event that was taken away from the locals giving us a chance to make some good prize money after all the pros left town but now it's gone ?? Replaced by a minimizing low paying qualifying event with one or 2 people getting into the new Pipeline Masters but at least it paid of for Moana Jones Wong she qualified & got 1st in the Masters event congratulations to you Moana Aloha Michael James OBrien Former North Shore Lifeguard & 30 year beach front & Pipeline resident
Fair is fair. Women are on the rise in these waves of. In sequence but in my professional opinion not enough to claim "equity" by any stretch of the actual numbers.
First come first serve for permits is good unless there is a historical presidencies. Junior lifeguard and Nā Kama Kai ocean clinics are not surf contest and should have special consideration for permits. Free community education programs should have different considerations.
From a canoe paddling perspective, we support surfing as a cultural event and would like to see more cultural responsibility shared between all of us. This means that we need to understand and to have better relationships with the communities and to give back more whenever possible.  Also, from a canoe paddling perspective, we feel that we should not be held to the \$2M Liability limits and should go back to \$1M Liability Limits.  Shore Water Rules and Regulations should have sections for the various types of events and we should not all be grouped together as each has its own sets of challenges and positive aspects to consider
Gender equity should not be a restriction from hosting events. While balance is ideal participation by gender should be determined by interest in participants
Get the girls in there. They're way cooler to watch, for sure.

Have online applications already. Still in the 70s-80s with the current process.
Offer zoom appointments with the district parks to go over permit.
Hawaiian rights
I favor to support more canoe and water swimming events.
I feel that all waiting periods for events should be equal, surfing and bodyboarding
I really don't know
I really enjoy surfing events and watching the athletes compete. But I think the industry has profited handsomely at the expense of the North Shore community. The organizations that put these events on should be required to offer more mitigation for the impacts on the community, which are significant. Having these contests is VERY disruptive to local residents and very little, if anything, is done to mitigate those impacts. Also frustrating is the minimal amount of maintenance and care the North Shore beach parks receive year-round, especially in comparison to those in town. Frankly, the permit fees for these contests (which are streamed around the world to millions) should be much higher, and the fees from these events should feed straight back into the community parks that have to support these events and the crowds they draw.
I think overall impact on the community needs to be considered. The season should be more compressed, with tighter schedules of each event (shorter holing periods). Spreading things out actually increases the impact on the community, not lessens it. Likewise I think allowing events on holidays would actually decrease the impact on the community. Traffic might be worse on that one day, but it would probably be bad that day anyway and fewer residents have places they have to be.
I think the community of North shore should have a weighted say in the whole thing. It's affecting their lives and lifestyle
I think these events are great, support a diverse type of tourism and economy, and are well attended by local families. I do think that these events must provided better support for those seeking to attend but not wanting to drive. Additional bus routes, shuttle bus, bike valet, and bikeshare, temporary pedestrian connections and protections, and supporting access using these modes through programming and information would go a long way to limiting the impact on the community, and getting a more diverse crowd to the event.
I think WSL should pay big money to run competitions here- they have done little to nothing to give back. Why are we not getting a large payout to improve beach conditions? This is so anti-community and just plain stupid. THEY need US, not the other way around.
I would like to see more space for our under 18 surf kids. They are overlooked for the more lucrative contests. We need smaller, kid type contests for our local North Shore, Oahu, and outer island kids. Very important!
I'd like to take part on any committee that pertains to Paddling/ Rough Water events.
If after an event is completed a post event review should occur. If the event did not match the criteria the organizer provided to qualify for the permit that organizer or organization should be disqualified from obtaining a permit the following year or if the permit is for multiple years the permit is to be terminated.
If sponsors and surf companies are making a profit and making a living doing what they do, why are the rules about the surf schools that are legit, paying \$300 per month to operate are not allow to work at certain surf spots on the north shore. Track down the illegal surf schools, the illegal instructors who are not certified lifeguards. The legal surf schools are not doing anything wrong, but educating visitors and tourists in the ocean, helping them to understand the ocean and be safer in the water. We have families to support, mortgage to pay and it seems that people signing the location of the permits do not care at all about that. Put a cap on it and monitor the amount of students that each surf school can teach per week. Enforce the law and be fare to those that are doing the right thing for over 21 years teaching on the north shore. Lifeguards that worked for the ocean safety division for 12 years risking their lives to save ocean goers and the tourists. Is that the aloha and mahalo that you regulators give to us.
It should be up to the city that a big wave event can go!

It's a travesty that such attention is paid to using North Shore, yet the road is left in such horrible condition. The people who live in that area have to put up with heavy traffic and the destruction of their roads. There should be an ongoing fund, contributed to by the approved events, that supports the repair and maintenance of the roadway between Kahuku and Haleiwa.
It's not as black and white as the survey makes it. Hawaii is based on tradition and culture. That is what should take preference.
Keep in mind traffic and the impact on our fragile environment
Leave the process as is. I'm a female surfer and have had no problems competing in the contests I choose to compete in. This gender equality issue you guys are trying to bring up is BS.
Leave the watealone
Limit events to certain beaches so those that don't care can avoid the areas and enjoy other beaches.
Maahlo for survey.
Mahalo for all that do!
Mahalo for allowing community input. This is long overdue!
mahalo for community input
Mahalo for the ask.
Mahalo ka kou .....the late Rell Sun put it a good way! Hawaiians love surfing competition because they could see what was good! Aloha
make sure they know and fellow safety rules and regulations also have insurance coverage last have Aloha
Make survey announcement again in a few weeks.
Many of these questions are specific to NS and more weight should be put into the residents and the competitors than general public.
My biggest concern for ocean events is the traffic. I think a shuttle service should be mandated for the ones that draw big crowds. People that want to watch could go online, pay a fee, and go to a designated parking area (or take the Bus or other transportation to that area) and be shuttled to and from event. The traffic impact is the worst side effect of these events. Especially in an area like the North Shore where there is only one way in and out. I live in Kailua, grew up in Manoa, surfed out at the North shore for many years. I avoid it now because the traffic is HORRIBLE! Mahalo!
Never double up on a event. Let our ocean rest between to clean out.
Noise and traffic are a huge concern for NS residents like myself.
Not everyone is going to be happy with whatever "regulations" are established. However, whatever they are, they must be enforced/administered fair and equitably to the greatest extent possible and practical across the island.
NS waters are overcrowded, minimize contest or get them done so locals have less crowds
Other than "The Eddie" surf contests should not be held on holidays or Sundays. This would allow tax paying citizens of Hawaii can get in the water on their days off. As it is set up now, it is very possible that a recreational working surfer could miss many of the best days of the winter, while paying taxes to provide facilities for the very contests that are keeping locals out of the water. It is not fair.
Our North Shore community needs a day to day way to solve the dangerous traffic problems. Certainly on big competition days and high surf days, we need extra help with traffic, trash pickup, and other results of intensive use.
Out of all of us rec surfers, there are only a small percentage of "pros" and their sponsors. Between competition and practices, they hog the prime times. Surfing should not be a money sport for the tourist and surf industry... The Duke may be rolling over in his grave over the commercialization of this beloved sport!

Parks in general on Oahu need more amenities, like showers and bathrooms.
Permitting process should also consider the event's effect on other shore and water users as the permit limits their access to use the space; also parking limitations, noise, trash
Please consider parking & traffic Impact. On those event days. Maybe DLNR & HPD could be a little more Lenient on handing out citations. It's like shooting fish in a barrel for them. Awe?
Please make applications available online and allow applicants to be complete in a form fillable process. The current stamp & mail process is very outdated.
Please make sure that they stop making loud noise, keep down the loud music, it's horrible when the bass of the music is pounding in your home all night..because sometimes people don't care about the caretakers who are caring for the elderly I live close to the beach area it can be horrible.. no one follows the rules with loud noise 🗣️ Please do something about that.. parking can be a pain that when there's a lot of traffic in the area n accidents, because of high volume of campers n competition going on at the same time..please allow plan in place and use wisdom nanakuli parks are always crowded n we whom live here always get the craziness n the tail end of the problem.. can be hard on us elderly and older generation because of the generational gap. Thank you Kar
Please require equality, inclusion, equal access, and equal pay. Increasing the number of events and the number of awards for women, as well as offering equal prize money, is the only way to achieve meaningful equity in competitive surfing.
Please stop the virtual contest. The Red Bull women's big wave event is crowding up the outer reef breaks.
prioritize local resident enjoyment of surf breaks and ocean and unclogged roads, instead of for-profit contests/events that provide questionable economic return.
Priority in Big Wave competitions should go to residents first
Questionnaire seemed biased towards surfing. Plenty other water sports should also be considered. Bodyboarding, Sup, Bodysurf, etc. Need to make sure there's enough permits to go aground.
Reduce commercialization of Oahu's public trust resources!
Regarding Q23: If the proper "Big Wave" height designation is made (40 feet faces) then it is highly unlikely that a big wave event and a normal event would run at the same time, since pretty much every other permit-able venue would be too big to hold any competition. If you lower what a "Big Wave" is (ie. less than 40 feet faces), you will run into that issue. More attention should be given to: 1. an event's giveback to the community. Events do tie up public resources, but they also offer meaningful community returns such as entertainment, pride, financial resources, employment opportunity, donations, competitive opportunity for locals. 2. Number of local competitors should be assessed within diversity of events to ensure that locals aren't being excluded from both resources and participation. 3. The number of competition days/hours applied for should allow permittee to specify and include warmup time if desired. ALL surf breaks on Oahu are insanely crowded now due to a dramatic increase in surfing participation generally. It is becoming dangerous on any given day and it is difficult for competitors to train at dangerous North Shore breaks. Other professional sports have the ability to control the arena for warmup. 4. On competition days, event producers should be responsible for hiring designated lifeguard/water patrol from sun-up to sun-down for competitor and recreational surfer safety. Thank you for conducting this survey. Aloha.
Residents of Honolulu who participate in water competitions shouldn't have their ability to compete drastically limited; it deprives them of fair use of the parks and ocean that their tax dollars help support.
Return the beaches to the community
Safety is always paramount and especially Hawaiian Culture Relevancy to any questions that apply.
see # 18, North Shore residents are fed up with surf contests.
should consider similar rule for all shores with allowances for seasonal conditions

State and federal law requires gender equality. Permits should be awarded only if this condition is met. Having the same number of participants won't work, girls could be forced to surf single elimination buy guys given double, doubling the amount of time in the water.
Surf competitions should be required to hire extra off duty police officers to direct traffic and control illegal parking and pedestrians
surf contests have many negative impacts on the community. Increased traffic, beach erosion and depriving frequent users of their favorite spots. We don't need more contests and we should not allow private parties to make money at public parks at the expense of regular park users.
Surfing and Contest are essential to Oahu . They could and should do such a better job at working together seamlessly. We always hear someone didn't get a permit for whatever reason. There should be a little more grey area for contests and directors surf and weather are unpredictable.They are our parks and we should have more input.
Surfing and canoe paddling are historically events. Canoe paddling is the state sport. These two events should be given priority due to their nature of being a Hawaiian sport. I believe if a sit down with event organizers is needed to help control issues that arise then city should discuss all matters with them to help it work out smoothly.
Thank you for all that you do!
Thank you for asking for community input.
Thank you for the survey- wish it was more widely distributed.
Thank you for the survey. My interest is in the triathlon and open water swim events that take place outside of surf season. All of the event directors get along well and we manage our events with utmost concern for community impact, which is much lower than surf events. Our events do not have the same impact as surf events and should not have same requirements. The surf industry is huge, we are tiny grassroots residents holding small events for residents. We do not have the resources and also do not have the impact, so should not have to meet the same requirements. I also have experience managing gender equality in our sport as huge strides have been made in recent years. Feel free to contact me via email or call 808-747-3716 if you'd like to discuss further.
Thanks for seeking feedback!
The "virtual" Triple Crown has intensified conflicts and grief for recreational users. It should count against the total permit days. Maybe reduce one or two competition days per beach for other events run by the same organization. If not, the format could become a useful workaround to competition day limitations. DO NOT INCREASE THE GLOBAL CAP OF 64 COMPETITION DAYS ON THE NORTH SHORE. Thank you.
the city of honolulu does not have adequate restroom facilities for the hoards of tourists on contest days. Also, there is inadequate parking for the huge number of visitors. When there is gridlock on Kamehameha highway, how can emergency vehicles get through?
The city/state's facilitation of so many water events is a catalyst for more tourism and there are already too many.
The community worked for decades to find a balance between recreational surfers, residents, pro surfers, and contest promoters. The existing rules limiting contests should not be modified to allow more contest days, simultaneous contests, or less of a cooling off period. Gender equity should be dealt with within contest parameters (less spots for males to allow spots for females) but as a community we do not want more contest days.
The event promoters should pay higher permit fees and start contributing more substantially to the parks and other public facilities. These events make a lot of money for the promoters and vendors, but are taxing on the community. The event promoters and permit holders should be required to pay substantially more for their permits because they are making so much money at the cost of Hawaii Residents. Hawaii Residents pay high property taxes and put up with an extremely high cost of living so we can enjoy our beaches and shorelines. We live here because we want to enjoy Hawaii's natural beauty. These contest promoters should be paying us for the privilege of using our beaches, because on contest days and days leading up to the contests, we are not able to utilize the beaches and parks like we deserve. These events steal away our usage of the beaches and parks.

The impact these events have on their respective communities should weigh heavily on whether a permit is issued, and not something like gender equity. Primary consideration should be given to traffic as there is only one road along the north shore.
The ocean belongs to all of us. Taking it away for ego and money is not a good thing for most. Waves are a limited resource ... already not enough to go around.
The surf events should have minimal impact on Oahu and it's shores. They should certainly not cost taxpayers money and the organizer for an event should pay a hefty fee for taking control of a whole surf break with ideal conditions. Can you even put a price tag on that. For the N shore, the less impact the better. One month max the events to come and go, get rid of the over tourism that has plagued the N shore and allow it's residents access to the surf breaks.
<p>The Vans digital Triple Crown was unacceptable, packs of professional surfers with their photographers took over certain surf spots for weeks at a time whenever a that spot was good.</p> <p>Also, regarding question #2, I watch the contests on TV from Pupukea as traffic is a nightmare. TV coverage should be a requirement to allow for that option and help keep traffic down.</p>
The volume of people that attend the beach for the triple crown events are doing irreparable damage to the NS ecosystem. From an environmental standpoint we need to dramatically decrease the amount of competition days and the number of spectators.
The WSL events need to be treated differently. There should be a substantially higher fee charged and more extensive requirements for these events given their substantially greater impacts.
There are a more than adequate amount of contests
there are more than enough contest days to accomodate everyone on the north shore. additionally there are by far more men competing in these events than women because there are fewer women surfers in the community....especially when the waves are over six feet. thank you for considering our input...
There are too many comps. It seems as if everyday during the winter there is a holding period somewhere. I would say less comps and closer together so the pros and their entourages can leave more quickly.
There needs to be a focus on traffic management and transportation. Ideally shuttle buses/trolleys from Haleiwa - throwing up your hands and saying oh well is not a sustainable solution
There needs to be a solution to regulate parking and traffic so residents can go about their business. Where are the police to direct traffic?
There should be shuttles and parking lot provided from Haleiwa for competition days to reduce traffic. All competitions should be required to have additional traffic management police at both the main site, and known hot spots for traffic to reduce stress on the community.
These events impact the communities with traffic and parking. But it can also bring revenue.
This survey is really about surfing and surfing related events. You should do another survey about non-surfing events, because intertwining the two issues--commercial events versus community sporting events--are totally different issues. Don't try to survey more than one issue in one survey. Do different surveys, otherwise your data will be all tangled up (garbage in, garbage out) and you won't be able to decipher what people are trying to tell you. Deal with one issue at a time.
This survey seems to expect the person filling it out to have considerable knowledge and a definite opinion to the questions. So, who made this survey (DPR) and to what end? You could do a petition instead, more transparent and usable. Seeing that this is a City made survey, it is pretty much useless in getting a wide community opinion.
This survey was so geared to surf competitions. How about a survey that has to do with facilities which hold water activities. For example the Ala Wai wall was repaired and now on low tide days it is very difficult for paddlers to get their boats in the water when there are not enough ramps to launch your canoes. Canoes get damaged and people are more apt to get hurt. Please consider additional ramps for canoes. Thank you



too many pipe contests , not enough entrance opportunities for locals....even if we can't win we can advance and beat some of the international seeded entrants.....the elite get to surf our famous and always crowded spots during contests and the locals do not.....give locals as much opportunity as elite.....they are here practicing all season , and they get to have 4 man heats with no crowds....its great for them but less great for me especially because 16 of the best days of the season we can't surf the spot.....and the crowds get massive before and after an event because of it.....and the virtual triple crown has also made things worse because now on ANY and ALL best day they are all out trying to get there video clips

Traffic and parking mitigation needs to be included in the application process

Water sports have become to commercialized, the number of surfing events should be reduced.

We need more lifeguards on the beach & we need more police to direct traffic when all those contest are on the north shore we need more parking for tourist to come watch the contest & park their cars traffic is insane when those contest are on

When events/competitions happen at a beach park, I believe a portion of the fee should go towards conservation, repairs, maintenance, etc. (circulate back into caring for the beach park). Most of the competitions in the north shore are hosted by big companies, such as WSL, Vans, Billabong, etc.; however, there should be opportunities for local community members to set up their own competitions for non-professional surfers. If there is a \$2 million insurance policy to acquire a permit, this is way too much for local community members to host a local community water event. I hope there is equal opportunity for local communities, clubs, etc. to host their own events/competitions. Most events are for surfing and I hope there are also equal opportunities for other ocean recreational sports to have their events/competitions as well (body surfing, stand up paddling, swimming, etc.). If the department plans to increase the number of ocean events/competitions for the south shore, I think the department should collect public input and allow community members to voice their thoughts and concerns. This way, the department can learn what are some of the impacts the events/competitions may have on the natural resources, local park users, etc. Mahalo for creating this survey, I think it's wonderful that the department is collecting feedback from local residents!

Why are we focusing more so on issues going on in the North Shore & why are we focusing these questions towards gender-equity rather than what will be best overall for the "Shore Water Events Community" as a whole?

Winter surf season should be Nov-Feb not sept to may

With the dramatic rise in tourism, I think we should be dramatically reducing the number of contests. They are not necessary.